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ROAST YOUR ACORNS OFF!



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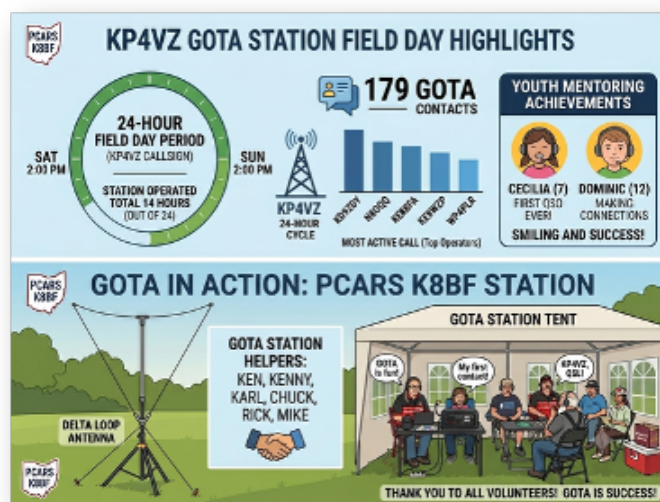
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Greg, KA8TOA
PCARS President



Hi Everyone!

I want to thank everyone who participated and organized Field Day. I believe it was another club success.

Happy 4th of July to all and another busy Month coming up. Please participate in the upcoming events.

We will have our Board meeting on Monday July 6th at 7 PM at world headquarters and on Zoom. Some of the topics that will be discussed: Repeater work, Trunk Fest and Roast Your Acorns off.

There is a new item being added to the news letter called Sick Call.

I have a list of volunteers for the trunk fest and some of our members will be selling stuff at the event. So come and check it out. Fees \$5.00 to park and sell, if not selling still \$5.00 per car to shop. This is a bargain compared to other Hamfests.

Again I want to thank everyone who participates and volunteers for club projects, remember it is your club.

73's Greg KA8TOA



PCARS K8BF

The club that puts the FUN in ham radio



From The PCARS Vice President

Tom, WB8LCD

PCARS Vice President



First off – CONGRATULATIONS! to everyone from PCARS who participated in our Field Day effort for 2026. Regardless of whether your contribution was large or small, everything that was contributed mattered, and resulted in a SAFE and successful Field Day outing for the club. Not only that, I'm also pretty sure that the score will rank up there with our best ever! The creativity and ingenuity that went into the set up was amazing. There was nothing that could have been done by "professionals" that would have even come close to what our club members presented as Amateurs! Thank you to all who participated.



Now it's time to move on. PCARS has a very busy schedule ahead of us this summer and it all starts right before the Fourth of July weekend. It'll all start out with the weekly 2-meter net on Thursday July 2nd and then the PCARS Board meeting on Monday July 6th. Tuesday evening July 7th is the Linux & Raspberry Pi SIG. Wednesday July 8th is the FLEX-net (more details on that later in this newsletter) Then the Thursday 2-meter net again on July 9th. Feel free to take a night off on Friday the 10th, and then on with the first ever PCARS Trunkfest on Saturday July 11th. I hope you're not tired yet – there's a bunch more to do, The PCARS meeting on Monday July 13th at the American Legion Hall. This month will be a presentation on MESH networking presented by Brandon – KE8ARB. Then SIG's every Tuesday, 2-meter nets every Thursday (Don't forget "Net Night at the Clubsite" on Thursday July 23rd) and another "First Ever" Event – ROAST YOUR ACORNS OFF on Saturday July 25th! Are you kidding me? That's 14 PCARS events / activities in one 31 day month! WoW – Ham Radio is alive and kicking at PCARS! Looking to the future, you might want to put the Columbus hamfest on your calendar Saturday August 1st, and the Cincinnati Hamfest / Great Lakes Division Convention on Saturday August 15th.

You may ask yourself, what can I do as an Individual Ham Radio Operator this summer when I don't have all these PCARS activities to occupy myself with? Here's a list!

1. Upgrade your license – Tech to General; General to Extra
2. Learn to operate CW / RTTY / FT-8 / EME / Satellites / POTA
3. Build something, or refurbish an old piece of gear
4. Improve your antenna and feedline systems
5. Chase DX
6. Work All States, Zones, Counties (this is a tough one!) Islands, Lighthouses, Churches, Museums, etc...
7. Plan and operate your own DXpedition.
8. Visit other club meetings in the OH Section and beyond!

9. Get all the kids in your neighborhood involved in Fox-Hunting There's some pretty cool and inexpensive gear at <https://store.ai6ym.radio>

No matter what you do this summer, take some photo's and write an article for the Radiogram – we'd all like to know about the Ham Radio Fun you're having this summer!

73,

Tom WB8LCD

PCARS Member Sick Call

These PCARS members are known to club leadership as recovering from a medical issue. Take a moment and drop a Get Well QSL Card to them to help lift their spirits.

John WG8X

Ron W8AHC

Doug WA8UWV



PCARS Roast Your Acorns Off

(RYAO) Special Event Station

DETAILS: Lake Milton Ohio State Park (**POTA US-3515**) - Harry Meshel Picnic area is located at 590 Milton Ave., Lake Milton, OH 44429.

When: Saturday – July 25, 2026 - Set up: 9 am

On-The Air: 10 am - 3 pm EST

You've heard of Freeze Your Acorn Off – Usually in February, now we are also having an extra event called Roast Your Acorns Off in mid-summer!!! We will be active on CW & Phone in the General areas of the 6,10,15,20,40 and 80 meter bands (Repeater & Echolink on the K8BF echo link node as well) and anything else we can get working. Club Call Sign **K8BF** – send QSL card for a certificate. Other participating stations will be using their own callsign/RYAO, or calling "CQ RYAO" (only stations at the Roast Your Acorns Off event should use the /RYAO designator). Yes, we'll be braving the hot humid weather of North Eastern Ohio to set up QRP stations using portable power and antennas. So, from the comfort of your cool radio shack - give us a contact while we're out sweating. We'll need all the contacts we can make to help keep us cool. Your support will be very much appreciated!

Attendees are also encouraged to bring your best entry to get in to the Best Recipe Cook Off contest as well.

Questions? Contact Chuck, W8PT at chuckw8pt@gmail.com

Happy Birthday PCARS Members

KE8MXR	John
W8PT	Chuck
WB9LBI	Bill
G0BPS	Dick
W3JL	Cory
KF8FVB	Calvin
AC8QG	Nicholas

AK6NS	Ray
N8XAD	Bob
AD8OL	Dennis
KD8LDG	Don
N8QZ	Paul
W2THU	Robert



From Around The World...

New Technician Class Question Pool Takes Effect Today

The 2026–2030 Technician (Element 2) question pool becomes mandatory for all license exam sessions starting today, July 1. The revised pool trims to 409 questions (27 new, 30 removed, roughly 155 reworted) and modernizes digital-mode language — FT8 setup questions now reference generic "FT8 software" instead of naming WSJT-X specifically. If you're a VE or mentoring a new ham, now's the time to make sure study materials are current.



Field Day 2026 Wraps Up a Banner Weekend

More than 30,000 hams took part in ARRL Field Day on June 27–28, operating from parks, fairgrounds, and backyards under this year's theme, "Amateur Radio: A National Resource." Paired with ARRL's ongoing Year of the Club celebration, many clubs used the event to demonstrate emergency-communications skills to their local communities. Entries are due by July 28 — if your club hasn't submitted yet, don't let it slip.

Japan's JARL Marks Its 100th Anniversary

The Japan Amateur Radio League, the world's oldest national amateur radio society, celebrated its 100th anniversary this June. It kicks off a longer commemorative run too: hams are marking 16 months of activities through September 2027 to mark the 100th anniversary of JXAX, the experimental station that put Japanese amateur radio on shortwave back in 1927, with special operating events, awards, and the Tokyo Ham Fair anchoring the celebration both years.

Solar Cycle 25 Is Delivering Some of the Best HF Conditions in Decades

Solar Cycle 25 has wildly outpaced its original forecast, with NOAA reporting a daily sunspot number above 299 in January — the highest in over 20 years. The payoff is stronger F-layer ionization and improved long-haul openings on 10, 12, and 15 meters, though the same activity brings occasional flares and geomagnetic storms that can just as quickly shut HF down. Worth keeping an eye on SFI and K-index numbers before a big operating push.

Bouvet Island and Desecheo DXpeditions Both Top 100,000 QSOs

Two of DXing's rarest "white whales" delivered in a big way this year. The 3Y0K Bouvet Island team and the KP5/NP3VI Desecheo Island operation — the latter using solar-powered remote units to activate a spot unheard since 2009 — each logged over 100,000 contacts. If you worked either one, congratulations on a new one in the book; if not, the DX-World July timeline is worth a look for what's coming next.

AMSAT Eyes a Ride to the Moon on Artemis

AMSAT submitted a Letter of Intent to NASA Marshall Space Flight Center for a CubeSat secondary payload aboard upcoming Artemis III, IV, and V missions. The proposal ties into AMSAT's GOLF program, which is building toward amateur radio satellites in progressively higher orbits — from LEO up through MEO and HEO — and leans on AMSAT's long CubeSat heritage and university partnerships. Nothing's confirmed yet, but it's an exciting one to watch.

On The Road with WG8X

John, WG8X



Hi everyone, and welcome to this month's edition of **On The Road**.

The title has been a bit of a misnomer lately, as I've spent much of the past month "piloting the couch" while recovering from knee replacement surgery.

What little traveling I managed was limited to a few local parks, but the good news is that my recovery has gone better than expected. I still have a few weeks of POTA time left before heading back to work, so I'm hoping to make the most of it.

I had planned to become a much more active POTA hunter while I was home, but things didn't quite go according to plan. The first couple of weeks after surgery were devoted mostly to physical therapy, short walks, and getting plenty of rest. I have managed to work a few parks from home, but I haven't fully embraced hunting; at least not yet.

As I write this on the eve of Field Day 2026, my plan is to take it easy while putting in a little operating time from home. If all goes well, I may even make an appearance at the PCARS Field Day on Sunday. Looking ahead, I already have a four-park rove through western Pennsylvania mapped out. In fact, I've put together a couple of these "ready-to-go" trips so I'll have them waiting whenever the opportunity presents itself.

So, it looks like the name of this column won't be changing to Off The Road after all. My rehab has progressed faster than expected, and I've confirmed what I already suspected; I enjoy activating parks far more than hunting them.

I do, however, have a spare walker with very low mileage. It might make an interesting platform for an antenna experiment someday. Don't be surprised if you eventually see an article titled Loading Up a Walker for the Field.

That's all for this month.

73,
WG8X

PCARS IO Group

Members are reminded that PCARS has a IO Group site dedicated to PCARS. It's a great site to sign up for and get on the mailing list for important PCARS information.

Check out the PCARS IO Group at:
<https://groups.io/g/PCARS>



Overcoming Challenges and Inspiring New Operators

Mike, KP4VZ
GOTA Captain and Coach



What an incredible weekend! From 2:00 PM Saturday to 2:00 PM Sunday, the Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) team gave it their all for the ARRL Field Day. As this year's Get On The Air (GOTA) Coach and Captain, I am thrilled to report our GOTA crew had a truly fantastic and rewarding weekend, finishing the event with **179 successful contacts**.

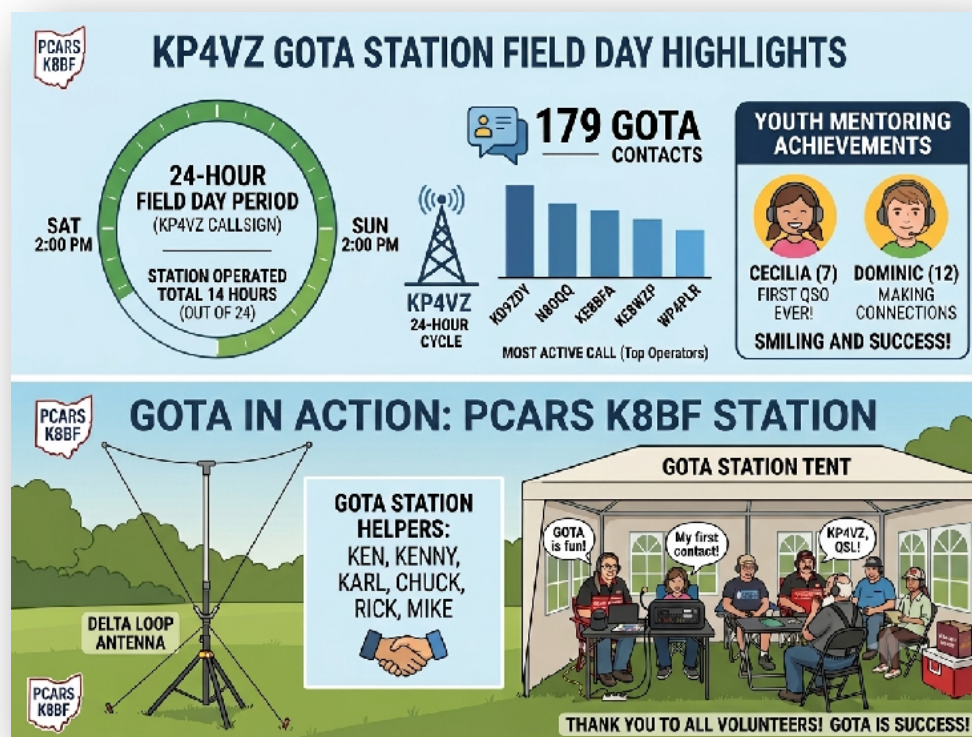
We officially logged a **179 contacts**, the highest number of GOTA QSOs our club has seen in several years, and quite possibly since PCARS was first formed!

Overcoming a Slow Start

The weekend didn't start without its challenges. During the first two hours on Saturday, local interference from the heavy hitters at the K8BF CW station effectively blocked us from using the 10-meter, 15-meter, and 20-meter bands. With barely any contacts in the log and frustration looming, we made the strategic decision to pivot. We moved operations over to the 40-meter band, and that's where the magic happened. The band opened up, and the pileups began!

Inspiring the Next Generation

One of the absolute highlights of the weekend was introducing the next generation to the magic of amateur radio. We had two young, unlicensed operators step up to the microphone: **Dominic (12)** and his sister **Cecilia (7)**. While Dominic had already made a few QSOs in the past, Cecilia successfully made her very first radio contact ever! Both did a fantastic job, sparking smiles that lasted the rest of the weekend. This is exactly what the GOTA station is designed for, and watching them work the mic was unforgettable.



The Operators Who Made It Happen

Our licensed GOTA operators kept the station buzzing! We operated for a total of 14 hours over the two-day Field Day period. A massive shout out to everyone who took a turn in the operator's chair and shared their passion for the hobby

- KD9ZDY: 102 contacts
- N8OQQ: 26 contacts
- KE8BFA: 18 contacts
- KE8WZP: 17 contacts
- WP4PLR: 16 contacts

A Heartfelt Thank You to the Crew

An operation like this doesn't happen in a vacuum. To our incredible GOTA Station helpers -**Ken (WA8LRW)**, **Kenny (KD8OBA)**, **Karl, Chuck (W8PT)**, **Rick (KD8WCK)**, and **Mike (KE8WZP)** thank you from the bottom of my heart. Without your tireless mentorship, technical support, and encouragement, this historic success simply would not have been possible.

Thank you to everyone who visited, operated, and supported the GOTA station this year. We set the bar incredibly high for 2027!

73,

Mike Gonzalez
PCARS GOTA Captain & Coach

PCARS is on YouTube

That's right - PCARS is on YouTube. So what does that mean? Hey, we have a place to put all kinds of videos that are about PCARS for the world to see.

<https://youtube.com/@portagecountyamateurradios1933?si=09-NxUpDOoqdqTzc>



PCARS Patches & Stickers

PCARS logo patches (**iron on**) & stickers (stick on) are now available!

Put the patch on your hat, your shirt, your jacket and show off that PCARS logo! The patch is about 3". The embroidery on the white patch is Red, Black, and Blue. Cost for a patch is \$2.00 each and can be obtained at any PCARS meeting. There are 2 types of stickers available - a 4" x 6" oval and a 3" x 10" bumper sticker. Stickers are \$1 each. Reach out to the club treasurer for details.



PCARS T-Shirts, Polo Shirts, Jackets, Hats, etc. can be obtained from:
Villager Business Solutions - attn. Michelle Zivoder - michelle@villagerbusiness.com - 330-472-7304.

Independence Day Special Event Stations

K4A "Kilo4America" Marks the Semiquincentennial

This year's Independence Day operating season carries extra weight: 2026 is the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. K4A "Kilo4America" runs July 1–7 as a special event built specifically around the Semiquincentennial, uniting hams across the country in remembrance of the occasion. It's a great one to work just for the milestone QSL alone.

13 Colonies Special Event Returns July 1–7

The ever-popular 13 Colonies event runs from 1300Z July 1 through 0400Z July 8, with stations K2A through K2M each representing one of the original colonies, plus bonus stations GB13COL (England), TM13COL (France), and WM3PEN (William Penn, Philadelphia). This year's theme nods to the Declaration's first public reading in Boston on July 18, 1776. Last year's event logged nearly 20,000 QSOs in just a week, so band conditions permitting, expect some pileups.

America250 Worked All States Award — All Year Long

ARRL's America250 WAS isn't a single weekend event, but it's worth flagging around Independence Day: confirm contacts with all 50 states during 2026 via Logbook of The World to earn the commemorative award. ARRL is also rotating the iconic W1AW callsign as W1AW/portable through every state twice this year, giving chasers two separate shots per state. A nice long-term project to pair with the holiday-weekend activity below.

Holiday Weekend Special Event Stations

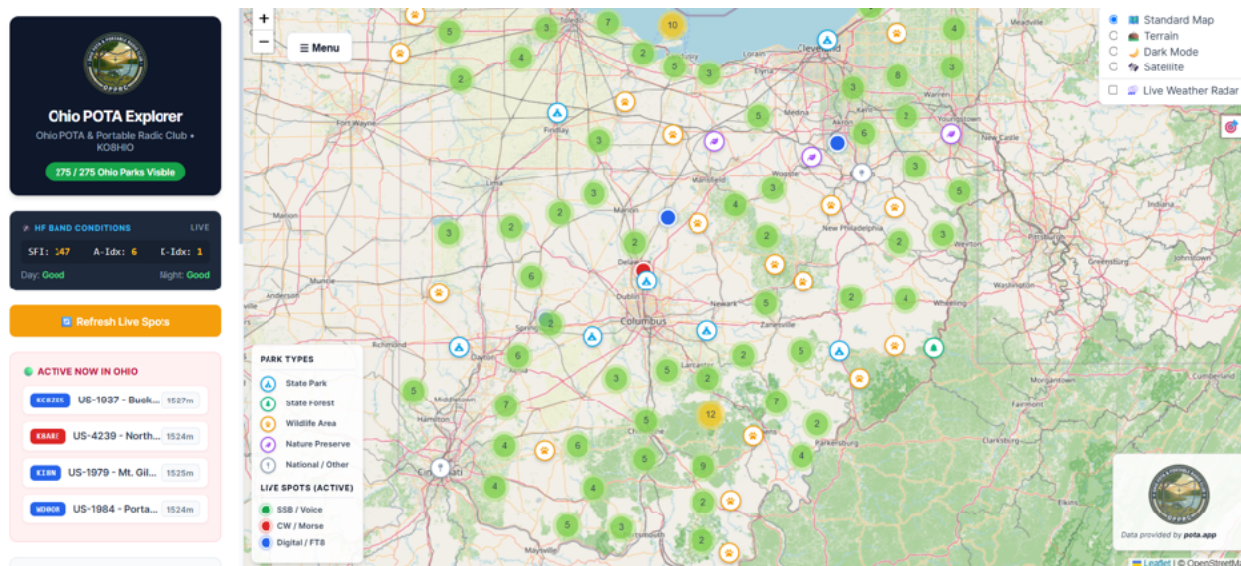
Several smaller stations round out the July 4th weekend. AL7NS (Lakeland, GA) operates July 4–5 on 14.266, 21.278, 28.450, and 7.028 MHz commemorating 250 years of freedom; W2D (Buffalo, NY) operates July 3–5 aboard the historic USS Little Rock; K5P (Pointblank, TX) is on July 4 on 14.260 MHz; and KC8OH (Jefferson, OH) operates July 4 from 1200Z–1800Z on 28.350, 7.275, 14.300, and 3.850 MHz. Check the ARRL special event database closer to the date, as more local activations tend to pop up each week.





How the Ohio POTA Explorer Helps You Activate and Hunt

If you're anything like me, you love getting out into the field for Parks on the Air (POTA) or sitting in the shack hunting down that next clean contact. But sometimes, finding the perfect park, figuring out if it counts as a "Multi-Park," or knowing who is currently out there transmitting in Ohio can involve clicking through too many different screens.

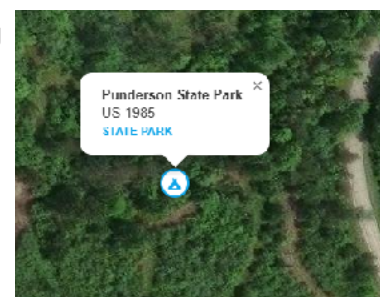


That's why I came up with the concept for the **Ohio POTA Explorer** (and with a healthy dose of teamwork alongside an AI assistant named Gemini, we brought it to life!). You can find the tool live right now over at OhioPOTA.club. I wanted a single, unified map dashboard designed explicitly for Ohio operations. The goal wasn't to write fancy code, but to build a tool that solves our everyday radio questions. Here is exactly how this dashboard makes your next activation or hunt a whole lot smoother:

1. View the Terrain Your Way (4 Map Layers)

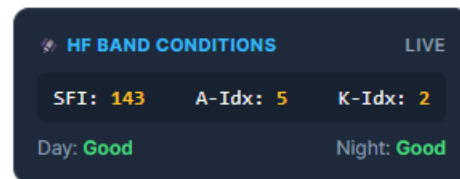
We all have different preferences for how we view our maps, especially when planning an outdoor activation. The explorer comes equipped with a quick layer switcher featuring four distinct views:

- **Standard Map:** Perfect for crisp, clear road and boundary lines.
- **Terrain:** Essential for looking at elevation changes, hills, and valleys before you pick an operating spot.
- **Satellite:** Great for scouting actual tree coverage, parking lots, and open fields.
- **Dark Mode:** Easy on the eyes for those late-night greyline hunts or when operating from a dark ham shack.



2. Live HF Band Conditions (Right on the Dashboard)

Before you even drop your jack stands or throw a wire into the trees, you need to know what the sun is up to. The sidebar features a live satellite HF band widget. At a quick glance, you get real-time Solar Flux Index (SFI), A-index, and K-index numbers, along with a simple indicator of whether daytime or nighttime propagation is looking Fair or Good. No need to open up separate widget pages before a weekend outing.



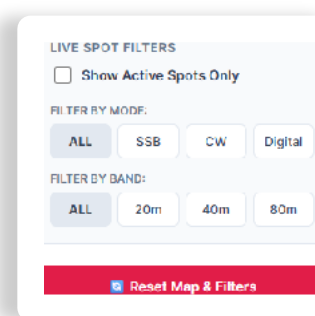
3. A Real-Time "Active Now in Ohio" Tracker

Hunting down local activators or trying to see if someone is already using your favorite nearby park? The "Active Now In Ohio" section features a live-refreshing spot engine. You can click "Refresh Live Spots" to instantly query the latest cluster data. Active operators pop up right in your sidebar with their callsigns, how long ago they were spotted, and a visual pulsing glow on the map where they're sitting.



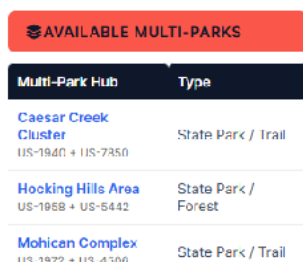
4. Click-and-Go Filters for Bands and Modes

If you are only running a 20-meter QRP CW rig, you don't want to get bogged down looking at 80m FT8 spots. The live filter section lets you click simple buttons to filter active parks down by Mode (SSB, CW, or Digital) and Band (20m, 40m, 80m). Toggle the "Show Active Spots Only" checkbox, and the map instantly clears out everything except the exact parks where operators are actively transmitting matching your settings.



5. Find Yourself and Explore Nearby Parks

If you are out roving or sitting at a campsite and aren't entirely sure which park boundaries you're closest to, there is a handy "Locate Me" button on the map screen. One click uses your device's built-in GPS to place a marker right where you are standing, making it incredibly easy to find the closest active references to your physical position.

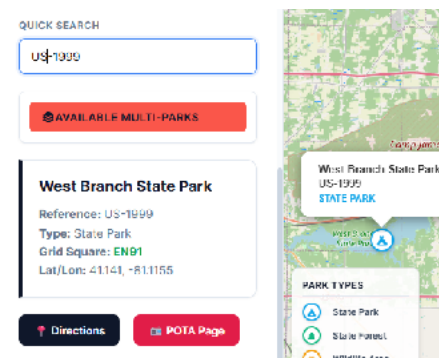


6. Demystifying "Multi-Parks" (The Multi-Park Hub)

One of the most requested features was a simple way to look at "Multi-Parks" (intersecting trails, forests, and parks where you can collect multiple references at once). The explorer includes a dedicated Available Multi-Parks dropdown. Clicking on areas like the Caesar Creek Cluster, the Hocking Hills Area, or the Mohican Complex automatically zooms the map directly to those intersecting references so you can see exactly where to set up your station.

7. Quick Search, Directions & POTA Pages

Looking to fill out your POTA awards? You can filter all 275 mapped Ohio locations instantly by designation—such as State Parks, State Forests, Wildlife Areas, or Nature Preserves. There is also a quick search box where you can just type a park's name or reference number (like "US-0020") to instantly bring it up on the map. Once you click a park, you get direct utility buttons to open up turn-by-turn driving directions or jump straight to the official POTA.app page for that location.



A Quick Note on Using the Site

Because this dashboard packs a massive amount of real-time interactive information, maps, and sidebar filters onto one screen, it is highly optimized for real estate. It looks fantastic and works flawlessly on desktop computers, laptops, and iPads/tablets. However, please note that it isn't quite as friendly on small smartphone screens—there's just too much good radio data to squeeze into a pocket-sized display!

Built for the Love of Portable Radio

This project was built to support the fellowship and adventure of **Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) & Ohio POTA & Portable Radio Club (KO8HIO)**. It takes all the scattered pieces of data we use while operating and folds them cleanly onto a single, interactive map.

Head over to OhioPOTA.club, give the Explorer a spin, and let it do the heavy lifting for you on your next adventure.

See you on the air!

73,
Mike Gonzalez - KP4VZ

About the Author: *About the Author Michael (Mike) Gonzalez, KP4VZ, is a member of the Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) and served as the club's President in 2024. A dedicated portable radio enthusiast and Parks on the Air (POTA) activator, he enjoys operating from parks, mentoring new operators, and sharing his passion for amateur radio. Michael is also a member of the Federación de Radioaficionados de Puerto Rico (FRA) and the Ohio POTA & Portable Radio Club (KO8HIO).*

DX/Contesting Special Interest Group

Chuck, W8PT
DX & Contesting SIG
Coordinator



PCARS Contesters and DXers:

Just a few words regarding our latest DX/Contesting Special Interest Group Meeting that was held at our World Famous HQ on Tuesday, June 23, at 7PM. I probably don't have to remind you that this meeting is held every 4th Tuesday of the month - same time, same place- unless otherwise announced.

This time we had 11 members attending either in person or by ZOOM.

The two main topics of discussion were the upcoming North American QSO Party, RTTY contest and our own Roast Your Acorns Off QRP event.

The NA QSOP takes place on July 18-19. I am hoping that many will attend and want to operate in the NA QSOP. Due to rules constraints, we can only have two signals on the air at any one time. But since RTTY is a rather quick QSO exchange, we can accommodate a number of ops with op position change outs every 15 to 30 minutes. So please, come and help K8BF make a great showing.

RYAO is a 12 hour contest that is almost exactly like our FYAO, except that you are able to dress more comfortably. In other words, NO SNOW!! The RYAO event is our first attempt to have a Summer version of our QRP Winter Event and we hope to do it justice. It will be held at the Lake Milton State Park, Harry Meshel Pavilions. There will be fliers available at the July club meeting.

Our discussion focused on what the Club will be providing for the cookout and what my grocery list looks like. You will hear more at our monthly meeting.

There you have it. I hope that we can get more PCARS members or friends of PCARS out to these SIG meetings. And please let me know what you would be interested in either discussing or a show & tell at a meeting.

73 - Chuck W8PT

PCARS Custom Coffee Cups - LIMITED EDITION! - Get One Now!

PCARS has obtained a limited number of special, custom-made coffee cups that are available only to members.

Supply is limited. If you are a current (PAID) member of PCARS you get one coffee cup for **FREE!!** The only catch is that you have to claim it from the **Treasurer**. There is a list of current members and the treasurer will check off your name when you get your **FREE** PCARS coffee cup.



There are a *very limited number of extra coffee cups* for sale at \$5.00 each. **Contact the Treasurer for details:** treasurer@portcars.org

Swap-N-Shop

FOR SALE WANTED FOR SALE WANTED FOR SALE

Free 5' length of pvc for an Ed Fong dbj-1 dual band antenna. Two DXEngineering items: a radial plate for \$50.00 and a tilt base for a vertical antenna \$100.00. Call Lee at 330-777-9803. KA8RXW. [08/26]

For Sale: Refurbished Butternut HF2V vertical antenna. VERY GOOD condition. Every contact surface cleaned and prepped with copper grease. SO-239 adapter and shunt coil included. \$250 (new retail price is \$686.99) delivered in Portage County or eastern Summit/northern Stark counties. Will help design and install your setup. Contact w8net@me.com or text 330-619-9194 [08/26]

Wanted: Hustler RM-80, RM-80S, RM-75 or RM-75S. I need 2 (doesn't have to be the same). Contact w8net@me.com or text 330-619-9194 [07/26]

For Sale: Yaesu FT-2000 160 - 6 Meter Transceiver with FH-2 Remote Control Keypad and CT-119 Programming Cable \$750 for everything. Original boxes are available. Geocron GEO-4K-COMP2 new in the box \$125. MFJ-931 Artificial Ground \$75. MFJ-4906S Duplexer \$50. The ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications Version 101 \$50. Will consider reasonable offers. Local sales only. Contact Bob Hajdak N8QE at (330) 807-5903 or rhajdak@aol.com [06/26]

For Sale or Want Ad policy reminder: This is a PCARS **members only benefit**. Please don't ask to list items for a friend, relative or SK estate unless they are/were a member of PCARS. Requests come in from all over the USA (and beyond) to list items for sale or wanted items and we just cannot dedicate that much space to non-members. Listings are good for 3 months unless canceled or changed earlier. The date listed after the contact information tells you when the ad expires - example: [01/26] indicates the ad will run until the end of January 2026.



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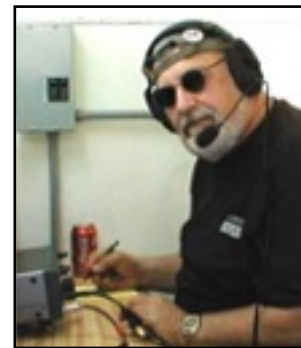


Charlie the Tuner's DX High-Lites for July 2026

Greetings to all DXers:

Chuck, W8PT

aka "Charlie the Tuner"



Ahhh...JULY...The Heart of Summer. Field Day is History and nothing to do but go to the beach and lie in the sun! Well, if you are thinking that, then you're all wrong. If you're a HAM, then there is lots to do. I'm sure there is still antenna work to be completed...or started. There is POTA or even SOTA to do. That picnic in the state park or the day trip to that high place you've been wanting to do. And you wanted to find a clear day when you could work on getting that mobile rig in the car.

There are too many things that we, as HAMs, can get done so that when the WX turns, we can comfortably sit in our warm shacks and not worry about anything pertaining to our operating agenda. So, let's get the lists out one more time and finish what we started last Fall. IF you do this, you will feel really satisfied that you listened to this old codger.

As always, big Thank You to: The Daily DX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites; DL5ON; The DX News Letter, DXNews.com, DX-World.Net, 425 DX News.

This report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know, so... - **"Work First, Worry Later"**.

Here's ClubLog's Top 10 Most wanted DXCC entities:

1. **P5 DPRK (NORTH KOREA)**
2. **BS7H SCARBOROUGH REEF**
3. **CE0X SAN FELIX ISLANDS**
4. **BV9P PRATAS ISLAND**
5. **KH7K KURE ISLAND**
6. **KH3 JOHNSTON ISLAND**
7. **3Y/P PETER 1 ISLAND**
8. **FT5/X KERGUELEN ISLAND**
9. **YV0 AVES ISLAND**
10. **3Y/B BOUVET ISLAND**

July...

5H3DX – TANZANIA. Look for Chas, NK8O to again be active from Dodoma, Tanzania as 5H3DX during June 8 to July 2, 2026. QRV on 30-10; CW, SSB & DIGI. QSL via NK8O, LoTW & Club Log.

9V, SINGAPORE. Reminder - Eric, KH6WI, is QRV as 9V1EO for the next two years. Activity is on Satellite QO-100 using FT8 and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

CN, MOROCCO. Pascal, F8NQV will be QRV as CN2NQV from Sidi Rahal Chatai until July 11. Activity will be on 40, 20, 17, 15, and 10 meters.

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Frank, DJ5NQ, is QRV as E51ANQ from Rarotonga Island, IOTA OC-013. Length of stay is unknown. Activity is holiday-style on 80 through 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via DJ5NQ

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Steve, ZL2KE, along with Steve, **E51CZZ** (ZL4CZ), will again be active from Rarotonga as E51KEE. E51KEE (CW / SSB) during July 22 to August 14, 2026. E51CZZ (SSB) during July 26 to August 6, 2026. QSL both calls via IK2DUW.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. Station FK/F4MER is QRV from Oceania, keeping this South Pacific territory active until August 1.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. Didier, F6BCW, is QRV as FO/F6BCW from Tikehau Atoll, OC-066, until July 20. Activity is on 80 through 6 meters using CW and SSB.

FP, SAINT PIERRE AND MIQUELON. Eric, KV1J writes this will be his 18th trip to these islands. June 27th to 13 July – On the air – SSB, CW, FT8, FT4 - 80M - 6M Primarily SSB and FT8. Generally on the highest frequency band open favoring 12M 10M and 6M. Also active on 60M FT8 (allocation is 5351.5-5366.5 15 watts so mostly FT8 & 5357). No satellite operation. Active in Canada Day and VHF contests. Some POTA QRP activations SSB, where I can hike by foot or bicycle and when WX is good. 11 - 12 July – IARU/WRTC HF Contest - CW and SSB.

I, ITALY. Franco, IZ5IUY will be QRV as IL7/IZ5IUY from **Tremiti Island, IOTA EU-050** until July 9. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using SSB, with 144 and 433 MHz possible.

JD1, OGASAWARA IS. Koutarou, JP1IHD will again be active from Chichijima, Ogasawara Islands as **JD1BQP** during July 2-11, 2026. QRV mainly on 6m this time, but also other bands using a Hexbeam. QSL via H/C.

OX, GREENLAND. Emil, DL8JJ will again be active from Greenland as **OX/DL8JJ** during July 3-14, 2026. QRV in his spare time on CW (10 watts, battery power) from a base camp on Tasiilaq (NA-151), and from other locations on the main Greenland island (NA-018).

PQ1, ITATIAIA ISLAND. The PQ1I team is pleased to announce its participation in the 2026 IOTA Contest from IOTA SA-067, one of Brazil's most sought-after island groups. The team, composed of **PY8WW Renato Araujo**, **PY7RP Renner** and **PP1DX Alex**, will operate from an island within the SA-067 group, with the final location to be announced after completion of logistical and environmental assessments. The operation will take place between **July 24 and July 26, 2026**, during the annual IOTA Contest. Our primary objective is to provide as many contacts as possible for IOTA enthusiasts worldwide.

RI1, RRA ISLAND HOPPERS. Russian Robinson Club team members (R3GM, RA1QY, RG5G & RZ3EC) as **RI1ZK** will try to activate 4-5 islands in non-stop mode in the Murmansk region. According to the plan, there is almost a day on each island, but a lot will depend on local weather conditions, seas, and final say of the captain of vessel. Dates of activity: 04 – 09 July 2026 Bands: 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 m • Modes: CW, SSB and Digital (possible)

TJ, MONDOLEH ISLAND – CAMEROON. Until July 15, Darek, TJ1GD/P, will again be active from Mondoleh Island, AF-095.

TY, BENIN. Red, DL1BUG will again be active from Cotonou, Benin as **TY5FR** during July 7 to August 4, 2026. Look for him on 160-10m; CW & SSB. QSL via DL1BUG (direct).

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS. Reminder - Randall, KX4QD is QRV as V73HW for the next two years. Activity is in his spare time on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

V79, KWAJALEIN ATOLL. Lee, KO4CRN is currently based in Kwajalein Atoll for work. He applied for a Marshall Islands license and is now QRV when time permits as V73LM. He uses the Kwajalein radio club's equipment when active. Look for him on 20m SSB.

VK0, ANTARCTICA. Ramon, LU1DMZ, is QRV as LU1DMZ/Z from the Orcadas base on Laurie Island, IOTA AN-008, until the end of 2026.

VP0/H, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. Rafal Mazur, SQ4O, is active as HF0PAS from the Polish Antarctic Station Arctowski on King George Island until October. He has installed directional Yagi antennas for 20, 15, 10, and 6 meters, with future goals of stringing up a wire dipole for 80 and 40 meters.

VY0, CANADA. Pierre, VE3KTB will again be active as VY0ERC from the Eureka Amateur Radio Club, Ellesmere Island, NA-008 until mid-July 2026. QRV on HF bands; CW, SSB, FT8 + SATs when time permits as the main purpose of his trip is work related at the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory (PEARL). There is a chance VY0ERC may also be active from Cornwall Island, NA-009 on the way to Eureka.

XU, CAMBODIA. The XU7AMO team at the National Polytechnic Institute of Cambodia has launched regular weekly operations on the HF bands and the QO-100 satellite. Look for activity every Wednesday at 0500 UTC on 15 meters SSB, and every Friday at 1200 UTC on QO-100 SSB.

ZL, NEW ZEALAND. Members of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters are QRV with special call sign ZL100C until August 2026 in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the club's founding. QSL via bureau.

Looking Ahead & Other Reminders...

H49, SOLOMON ISLANDS. Rolando 9A3MR (Team leader), Zrinko (Zik) DK8ZZ (co-leader), Mladen 9A2NA, Frane 9A3CJY, Kristijan 9A4WY and Livio 9A7Y will be active from Solomon Island (OC-047) using special callsign **H49A** in October '26.

S9R, SÃO TOMÉ. The **S9R** DXpedition will take place from October 17 to 31, 2026, from São Tomé and Príncipe, specifically from Tamarindos (grid locator JJ31rp). The operation will be active on multiple HF bands and modes, aiming to provide worldwide coverage and fair access to all regions. Team: D2ACE D2IM – EC7R – CT1BOL – CT1BZG – CT3MD.

TK, CORSICA. Alex, OE5AUH and his nephew David, OE5DDJ will be active from Corsica during August 9-22, 2026. Operating along the way, they plan to hike the [GR20 trail](#) in the Corsican mountains.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN IS. A British Virgin Islands DXpedition is planned during October 19–27! Operators will be Brayden KC1KUG, Michael W3MLJ, and Violetta KN2P. They will be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest under the callsign VP2VXX, and outside of the contest as VP2V/ followed by their home calls. They also are planning to be active on 6–160m. Looking forward to putting VP2V in a lot of logs!

Disclaimer: As you know, these DX events can change due to various reasons that sometimes are out of the control of those who are doing the planning. Be patient. I'm hoping that you use this info to hunt down your ATNO or simply to work some DX before your rigs become boat anchors or you become a boat anchor yourself!

KEEP WOBBLING THE ETHERS!! Keep the airways going by working some great DX. Get on the air!! 73 for now....**Chuck W8PT aka Charlie the Tuner**

Linux and Raspberry Pi Special Interest Group

Gene, W8NET

Linux & Raspberry Pi SIG Coordinator

Greetings all!

The next Linux & Raspberry Pi SIG meeting will be held on Tuesday 7/7/26 @7:00pm in PCARS World Headquarters in Ravenna. This will be an open forum, Q&A for both Linux and Raspberry Pi. We will be on Zoom as well - please join us on Zoom if you can't attend in person.

AGAIN, we still need a couple laptops for our SIG. Please consider a donation. OR, get your old laptop to the meeting, and we will REVIVE IT!

73 de W8NET, Gene



POTA Special Interest Group

Hi POTA fans!

Gene, W8NET

POTA SIG Coordinator

Our next POTA SIG meeting will be on Tuesday, 7/14/26 @7:00pm at PCARS World Headquarters in scenic Ravenna, Ohio. We will be discussing the upcoming RYAO / Summer Summer Support Your Parks Event (combined!) on 7/25.

ALSO, Kenny, KB8OBA (THE POTAMAN), will be our PCARS POTA SIG Coordinator shortly. Kenny and I will be coordinating the "handoff" through the summer. Please welcome and support Kenny with his efforts!

73 de W8NET, Gene



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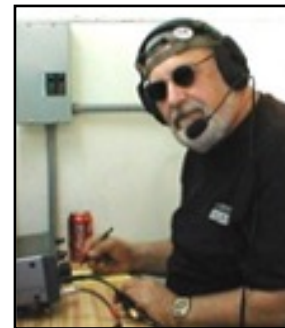
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Charlie the Tuner's July 2026 Contest Update

Chuck, W8PT
aka "Charlie the Tuner"



Greetings to My Fellow PCARS Contesters and anyone else interested in Contesting:

K8BF Scheduled Contests for 2026

Minnesota and British Columbia QSOPs	Feb 7-8	Completed
Freeze Your Acorns Off	Feb 21	Completed
Idaho and Wisconsin QSOPs	Mar 14-15	Completed
Florida QSOP	Apr 25-26	Completed
7th Call Area QSOP	May 2-3	CANCELLED
Indiana QSOP	May 2-3	CANCELLED
Delaware QSOP	May 2-3	CANCELLED
New England QSOP	May 2-3	CANCELLED
ARRL International Digital Contest	June 6-7	Completed
Club QSO Party	June 20-21	Added
Field Day	June 27-28	Completed
NA QSOP RTTY	July 18-19	
Roast Your Acorns Off	July 25	Added
Ohio QSOP & BBQ	Aug 22-23	
OSPOTA	Sep 12	
Washington Salmon Run	Sep 19-20	
California QSOP	Oct 3-4	
CQ WW DX Contest, SSB	Oct 24-25	Added

Other July Contests that may be of interest to PCARS Members:

RAC Canada Day Contest	July 1
IARU HF World Championship	July 11-12
RSGB IOTA Contest	July 25-26

73 for now and hope to hear you on the bands in 2026. Charlie the Tuner.

**Other contests decided upon by the contest committee might be run from Members' QTHs using the club call with our License Trustee's prior permission. Of course, they will also have to adhere to their specific station license requirements.*

*Contests that appear in BOLD are ones in which K8BF will participate.

Mark Your Calendar!

PCARS February 2026 Schedule of Events

July 6th	PCARS Board Meeting
July 11th	PCARS Trunkfest
July 13th	PCARS Monthly Meeting
July 18th-19th	NA RTTY QSO Party
July 25th	Roast Your Acorns Off

Special Interest Groups at the Club Site

1st Tuesday Odd Months	Digital Special Interest Group - Moderator: Rick, K8CAV
1st Tuesday Even Months	Linux & Raspberry Pi Special Interest Group - Moderator: Gene, W8NET
2nd Tuesday	Portable Ops Special Interest Group - Moderator: Gene, W8NET
3rd Tuesday	Antenna Special Interest Group - Moderator: Ken, WA8LRW
4th Tuesday	DX & Contest Special Interest Group - Moderator: Chuck, W8PT
5th Tuesday	Could Be Anything Special Interest Group - Moderator: Rick, KD8WCK

Hamfest Calendar

July 19, 2026 — Van Wert Hamfest

Van Wert, OH — Van Wert County Fairgrounds. Sponsored by the Van Wert Amateur Radio Club.

August 1, 2026 — 2026 Columbus Ham Fest

Grove City, OH — Aladdin Shriners. Sponsored by the Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit. One of central Ohio's largest hamfests, drawing a big vendor and swap turnout.

August 15, 2026 — Cincinnati HamfestSM, ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention

Owensville, OH — Clermont County Fairgrounds. Sponsored by the Milford Amateur Radio Club. This year's edition doubles as the ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention.

August 16, 2026 — Warren Hamfest

Cortland, OH — Trumbull County Fairgrounds (Commercial Building). Sponsored by the Warren Amateur Radio Association.

August 22, 2026 — Portsmouth Radio Club 2026 Hamfest

Wheelersburg, OH — Faith Baptist Church. Sponsored by the Portsmouth Radio Club, with support from area businesses.

September 13, 2026 — Findlay Hamfest

Findlay, OH — Hancock County Fairgrounds. Sponsored by the Findlay Radio Club.



July Meeting Pictures



PCARS Ham Radio License Plates Wanted!

Dig out that amateur radio call sign license plate (with your present call sign), clean it up and bring it to be permanently affixed to the wall in the PCARS club station!

We have over 80 PCARS member's ham plates now, **but we can use more**. Don't have ham radio call plates on your vehicle? Well for those of you in Ohio, you can get the plates sent to you by going to any License Bureau office and filling out the special plate registration form. Have a copy of your current FCC license when you apply. The official form to obtain your Ohio Amateur Radio license plates is on the PCARS IO Group site. Then you'll have an old plate to bring in to get hung up as a **permanent part of PCARS history**.



From the Ohio BMV:

General Information: Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of Ohio and hold an unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio station license issued by the Federal Communications Commission may apply for these plates. The official call letters will be the license plate numbers.

Registrant Eligibility: Owner must submit a copy of the un-revoked and unexpired official amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission. (FCC).

Title Requirements: Ohio Certificate of Title issued in the same name as the FCC license, either singly or jointly, or the name on the FCC license is the same name on the lease agreement.

Vehicle Information: These plates may be issued to passenger vehicles, non-commercial trucks, recreational vehicles, house vehicles and non-commercial trailers.

Type of Plates: Plates will be manufactured with the FCC license.

Issuance Information: Amateur Radio plates cannot be issued with system assigned, reserved, or personalized plate formats.

Renewal of plates can be done at your local Deputy Registrar or by mail using their renewal notice. Amateur Radio License Holders must provide a copy of their current unexpired and unrevoked official amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at the time of any type renewal transaction.

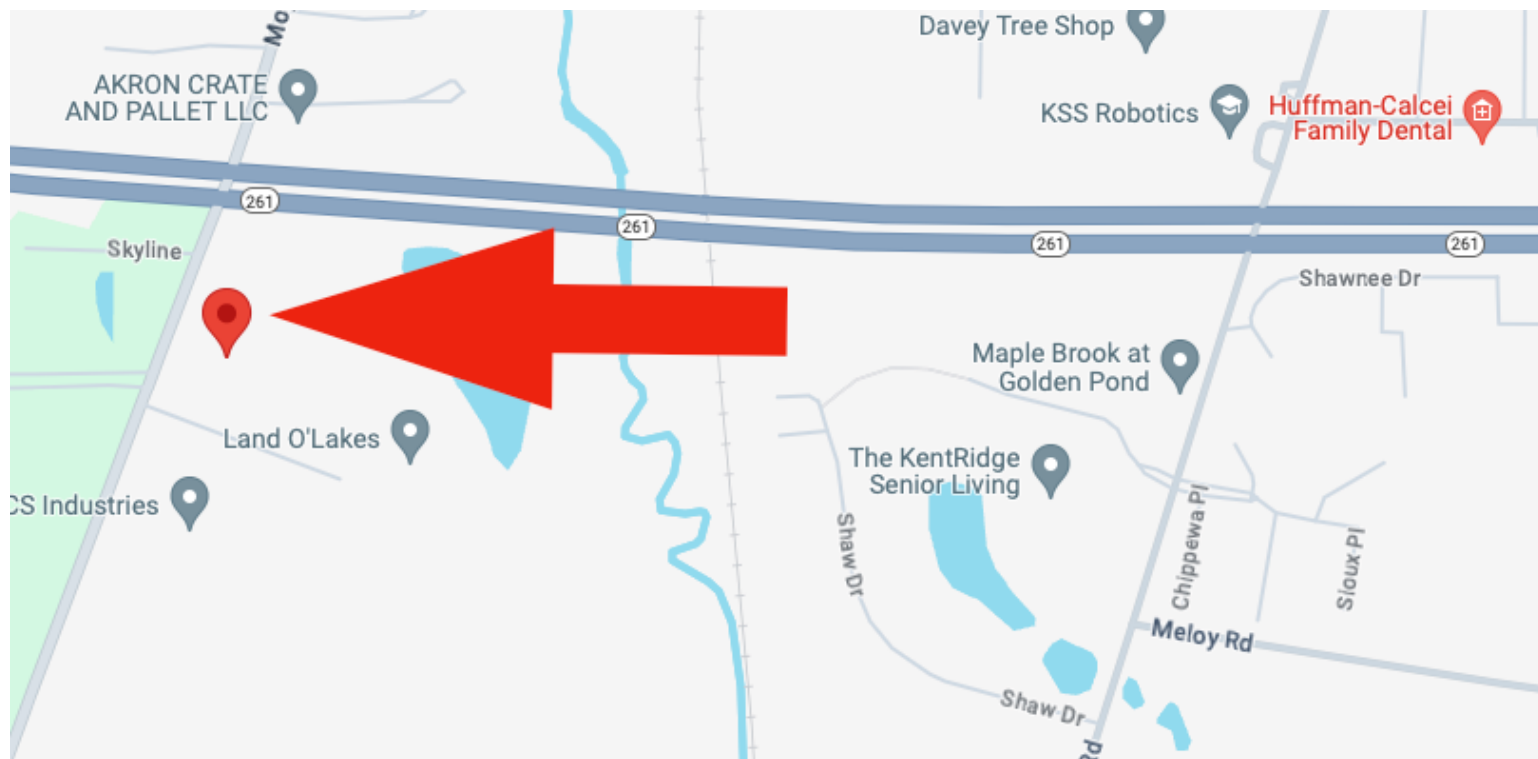
All plates will be mailed directly to the address on your registration card. The deputy will issue your registration card, stickers and provide you with a permit which will allow you to operate your vehicle while your plates are being manufactured. Special license plate applications are available at all Deputy Registrar license agency locations. These plates cost an additional \$10.00 annually plus the normal registration fees. The fee is determined by Ohio Revised Code section 4503.14.

PCARS Meetings



The Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) in-person meetings are held the **2nd Monday** of each month and start at **7:00 PM**.

**The meetings are held at The American Legion, Post 496
1945 Mogadore Road in Kent (Just South of Route 261)**



The American Legion Post 496 is located on the southeast corner of State Route 261 and Mogadore Rd. The driveway is on the south side of the building and as you enter you will pass through a parking lot on the south side of the building. Please do not park in this lot but instead continue on to the parking lot on the east side of the building which is the near the rear entrance into the Post 'Canteen'. As you enter the post from this entrance you'll see a bar to the left and a dining area to the right. The meeting area we'll be in is on the right, to the rear of the dining area.



The menu consists of your basic burger / dog / chicken sandwiches, wings, fries, onion rings, and salads. There is also an appetizer selection as well. Adult beverages are available and costs are in line with what you would expect at most bar-restaurant facilities.

If you are a member of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of The American Legion, bring your ID card as you get a substantial discount on adult beverage pricing.

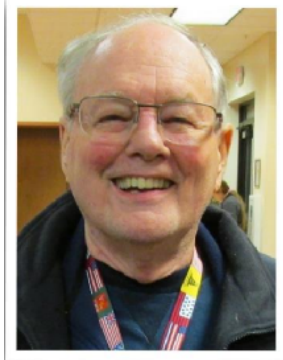


Future Dates:

- August 1st
- October 3rd
- December 5th

Check the website for the latest information

Jim, AC8NT
PCARS VE Team Liaison



On behalf of the VE team at PCARS, we all look forward to seeing you at the PCARS club site in Ravenna so you can take your license test or an upgrade to your existing license. All tests will be given using Exam Tools. This new process will provide instant grading and tells examinees whether they passed or failed immediately after finishing the exam. Most will receive their calls and upgrade within three business days of passing the test. However, it does change what is needed for testing.

1. All examinees must contact PCARS VEC administrator by email before registering for a test session. This will make sure all the paperwork is correct before testing. Use VEC@portcars.org for these emails.
2. We are using the ARRL VEC. A test fee of \$15 will need to be paid at the time of testing. Cash is required. No credit cards accepted.
3. Examinees must go to <https://hamstudy.org/>. On the right side of the page, click "Find a Session". Select one of our PCARS sessions and follow the instructions to register for the test. Examinees must have a valid and working email address for this process. If you pass and the FCC requires a fee, you will receive an email with instructions for payment. This email will only be sent ONCE. It is important that you watch for it. Try to avoid company or educational email addresses. Emails are often filtered and you might miss your FCC notice. If you don't have an FRN number the registration system will, through the FCC, get you one.
4. You will show up at the club site at 9:45 am on the test date and start the process to take the test. You must have a valid photo ID and a copy of your current license if you are upgrading. See "All the Details" below for complete information.
5. The test is taken on one of the club computers. It is a easy and quick process. Remember there is no time limit for any of the tests. The system also allows you to change your answers if necessary while taking the test.
6. When finished, the system will grade the exam and let you know if you passed or failed. It will automatically transfer all the information necessary for your license directly to the VEC for processing.
7. If you fail your exam the system will provide information on the questions you missed, so you can prepare for your next attempt.
8. When the FCC processes your exam you will receive an email with payment instructions for paying the \$35 FCC fee. This fee will not be charged for upgrades.

PCARS VE sessions are scheduled for **9:45 am** Registration, **10:00 am** Testing starts, on the first Saturday of every even numbered month at the PCARS club site in Ravenna.

Any questions? Contact VEC@portcars.org

Okay - Now **All** the Details:

- If you are sick, have a cough, a high temperature or have been exposed to COVID-19 or other communicable germs, or someone that has been infected - please, *do not* come to the club site. *Use of masks is optional.*
- No food or snacks allowed.
- Ensure you have the following:
 - A picture ID such as a valid Driver's License, State ID, School ID, or US Passport.
- If you are under 16 years of age, a parent or guardian must be able to vouch for you and you need a copy of your birth certificate (you do not have to give us a copy, we just have to see and verify).
- If you are upgrading to General or Extra - You **MUST** bring your original valid amateur radio license.
- Calculators are okay to use (if you need one) as long as the memories are cleared.
- NO cell Phones allowed.

Email Addresses REQUIRED - All applications are required to contain an email address for FCC correspondence. Applicants will receive an email direct from the FCC with a link to the official electronic copy of their license whenever a license is issued or changed. ARRL VEC suggests that those without access to email to use the email address of a family member or friend. Licensees will be able to log in to the ULS using their FRN and password to download the latest version of their license at any time. The FCC no longer provides paper license documents via regular mail.

FCC - \$35 Amateur Application Fee - The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) staff has clarified in response to an ARRL request that the new \$35 application fee will **not apply to upgrade to an amateur radio licensee's operator class and changes to club station trustees**. The new fees will apply only to applications for a **new** license, **renewal**, rule waiver, or a **new vanity call sign**.

VECs and Volunteer Examiner (VE) teams will not collect the \$35 fee at exam sessions.

When the FCC receives the examination information from the VEC, it will email a link with payment instructions to each successful candidate. The candidate will have **10 calendar days**, from the date of the application file number being issued, to pay. After the fee is paid, and the FCC has processed an application, examinees will receive a second email from the FCC with a link to their official license. The link will be good for 30 days.

Youth Licensing Grant Program - The ARRL Youth Licensing Grant Program, in effect since April 19, 2022, will cover the one-time \$35 application fee for **new** amateur radio license candidates **17 years old or younger** for tests administered under the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) program. The \$35 Federal Communications Commission (FCC) application fee will be reimbursed after the ARRL VEC receives the completed reimbursement form and after the new license has been issued. The reimbursement check will be mailed to the fee payer. Also, candidates 17 years old or younger would pay a reduced exam session fee of \$5 to the ARRL VE team at the time of the exam. The \$5 fee is for all candidates 17 years old or younger, regardless of the exam level taken. Proof of under 18 status is required.

Visit the ARRL website for the program instructions and reimbursement form at www.arrl.org/youth-licensing-grant-program.

Printing Your FCC License

Information provided by Anthony Luscre, K8ZT

As of February 17, 2015, the **FCC no longer routinely issues paper license documents** to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one.

Licensees also will be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial “reference copy” — from the ULS License Manager.

I've created a set of instructions on how you can request an “**official**” **printed copy of your license***
[Click here to download the instructions](#)

J.C., KC8JC
PCARS Newsletter Editor



I've just returned from a week along Lake Michigan where I got the chance to activate a park every day and it was great. I'm missing it already.

Field Day is in the books and there will be a lot to hear about that in coming issues. Early reports are that everyone had a great time! We're back into the thick of things in the heat of July. In fact, it's so hot there will be acorn roasting! So head out to the park on July 25th to Roast Your Acorns Off.

Thank you to all of those who sent inputs for this month's issue:

**KA8TOA, KB8UUZ, KP4VZ, W8NET, W8PT,
WA8LRW, WB8LCD, WG8X and the World Wide Web.**

Send all of your inputs to me at KC8JC@portcars.org in the form of plain text and full-size photos. Share your latest tips, tricks, and insights into this hobby of hobbies with your fellow club members.



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The Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS) - Ohio

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1945 Mogadore Rd. - just South of Rt. 261 - Enter the rear of the building for the meeting room.

Meeting starts at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend - Stop in and say hello!

PCARS uses the K8IV repeater: 146.895 PL 118.8 in Sugar Bush Knolls. - EchoLink Node: K8BF-L

Check PCARS out on the web: www.PORTCARS.org

2026 PCARS Officers

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Past President - Jim Wilson - AC8NT

2026 PCARS Appointments & Committees

ARRL Awards DXCC	-	-
Club Site Management	K8CAV	Rick Kruis
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Field Day Chairman	WA8AR	Tony Romito
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PCARS Photographer	-	-
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Secretary	-	-
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POTA Coordinator	W8NET	Gene Marsh



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N8FUM	Dan Torchia
KC8JC	J.C. Wilson
W8EC	Mark Haas
K8IG	Fred Freer
W8HFZ	Tim McLeod
K8PJW	Phil Weiss
N8XTH	Deron Boring
K8IV	Ed Polack
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